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Dear Mr. Oliff,

This is in response to your communication received 26 March 2007 requesting the status of the U.S. national stage application of international application no. PCT/JP04/14246. U.S. Patent and Trademark Office records appear to show that U.S. application 10/573,486 is currently undergoing pre-examination processing. Upon conclusion of the pre-examination process, if all requirements under 35 U.S.C. 371 are fulfilled, the Filing Receipt will be mailed with the Notice of Acceptance (Form PCT/DO/EO/903).

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